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72nd member nets 1,500 B-2 hours



Photos by Airman 1st Class Ryan Wilson

Maj. John Paganoni, 72nd Test and Evaluation Squadron, gets the traditional "hose-down" treatment after reaching 1,500 hours flying the B-2 Jan. 20. Maj. Paganoni flew the Spirit of Oklahoma in a 10.6-hour sortie to reach the historic milestone.

Whiteman officer becomes second pilot to join elite group

By Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp
Public Affairs

Nearly 12 years after entering the B-2 program, Maj. John Paganoni joined the 1,500 hours club Jan. 20.

The club is so exclusive that there are only two members. The major became the second person to achieve this.

"It was a normal test mission — successful," Major Paganoni said of his benchmark mission in the *Spirit of Oklahoma*. "We (Major Paganoni and Lt. Col. Julian Tolbert, 509th Operations Support Squadron commander) had a beautiful, clear day to fly."

When the aircraft landed, after completing the 10.6-hour sortie, the major surpassed the 1,500-hour mark by 3.9 hours.

The 72nd Test and Evaluation Squadron Integrated Functional Division chief put the 1,500 hours into perspective and said his flying time in the B-2 equals roughly 62.6 days.

Major Paganoni said it's an awesome feeling to accomplish this career high point.

"It's such a distinct privilege to have been able to fly in such an incredible air frame and do what I love to do best — fly," the Rye, N.H., native said.

Besides this flight, the 19-year Air Force veteran has flown every B-2 in the inventory and all its upgrades. He was also

the first person to drop the GBU-28 B/B, or 5,000-pound Bunker Buster bomb, from the aircraft in August 2003.

Major Paganoni received his pilot training at Vance Air Force Base, Okla. Besides the B-2, he is an experienced pilot in the T-37, T-38, B-52G and B-52H.

Major Paganoni, who is the 86th person to fly the B-2, earned his combat flight time during Operation Allied Force. He flew three missions over Kosovo in 1999.

Since arriving here 10 years ago, the major has had several assignments. He was formerly a member of the 393rd Bomb Squadron, an instructor pilot, chief of standards and evaluations, and chief of training in the 394th Combat Training Squadron, the 509th Bomb Wing executive officer, and is currently attached to the 325th BS for flying.

He said he would not be where he is today without the support of his family and co-workers.



Lt. Col. Britt Bankson, 72nd Test and Evaluation Squadron commander, presents Maj. John Paganoni, 72nd TES, with a plaque for reaching the 1,500 hour milestone in the B-2 bomber.

"Scott is a wonderful husband and terrific dad. His patriotism is genuine. Scott is a soft spoken man and all the crew know and respect him for how he has carried himself over the years," said Kathy Paganoni, the major's wife of 20 years. "Crew members know they can call on him for his honesty, wisdom and knowledge of the B-2. He works hard in keeping up-to-date, and understands his role and how important it is to both the safety of the crew and our country."

The first person to reach the 1,500-hour mark was Lt. Col. Rich Vanderburgh in October 2003. Colonel Vanderburgh has since retired.

Wing earns two command-level awards for 2004

By 1st Lt. Ed Gulick
Public Affairs

The 509th Bomb Wing garnered two Air Combat Command awards recently. Through continued excellence, the wing received the command's Nuclear Surety and Flight Safety awards for 2004.

This marks the third time in five years the wing won the ACC Nuclear Surety Award.

The award recognizes outstanding achievements and contributions to the Air Force Nuclear Weapons System program.

ACC looked at every aspect of the wing's nuclear program, including its safety record, visiting and self inspection findings and overall management of the program, said Brian Tripp, 509th BW Safety Office.

"The synergy of effort is key to the success of the nuclear safety program," said Mr. Tripp. "The program is like a chain; a failure of any link results in a failure for

the whole."

As the chief of weapons safety for the wing, Mr. Tripp said it would be impossible to highlight any specific group or individual.

Nuclear surety is carried by every group on base with 14 squadrons and staff agencies providing direct support, the chief of weapons safety said.

One achievement that helped earn the award was a 98 percent average score on 60 random tests during the December 2003 Nuclear Surety Inspection.

"Nuclear safety and security is the most demanding and least forgiving mission of a bomb wing," he said. "I'm thrilled to be recognized as a member of ACC's best in our category."

In receiving the Flight Safety award, the wing flew 6,499.9 hours in the B-2 and 4,203.3 hours in the T-38 with zero class A or B mishaps.

The award is given to wings for outstanding achievement in or contribution to flight safety.

"I think the 509th BW has one of the best, most proactive flight safety teams in ACC," said Lt. Col. Chris Harness, chief of wing safety. "Their knowledge, professionalism and dedication matches up with anyone."

Master Sgt. Danny Andrews, wing flight safety superintendent, agrees.

"We are honored to receive this award," Sergeant Andrews said. "It shows the wing's commitment to safety across the board."

One team stands out for helping win this award — the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Sergeant Andrews said. USDA set a benchmark for other wings by using a remote control airplane to keep birds away from the field during flying operations.

Overall, Col. Chris Miller, 509th BW commander, said he's proud of the wing's achievement. "To win in both categories is outstanding," Colonel Miller said. "It says you're being superb stewards of America's resources!"



Photo by Airman 1st Class Ryan Wilson

Col. Chris Miller, 509th Bomb Wing commander, greets Sir John Stanley from the United Kingdom during NATO's visit to Whiteman Thursday.

Commander's Corner

By Col. Chris Miller
509th Bomb Wing Commander

GIFT OF LIFE. Your generosity helped the Red Cross collect 204 units of blood last week and the most on a single day since they began blood drives on base in July 2003. Each unit can help up to three people during a crisis, so hundreds of lives will be positively affected by your efforts. Thanks to all the donors and volunteers who helped, and a special thanks to the 46 first-time donors who were key to this success!

FREE, GREAT ENTERTAINMENT. Our hard-working Services Squadron has two great opportunities to take a breather from our busy schedules. Next Friday, we host an annual performance by Tops in Blue at the Matthewson Center in Sedalia. This group of talented fellow Airmen always puts on an awesome show — don't miss it! Then, on Feb. 6, the club hosts a Super Bowl party with plenty of fun, friendship...and very nice doorprizes. Enjoy, and be safe driving home.

TOURS ON TARGET. Kudos to

all who made two visits to Whiteman go well this week. Our Air Force Chief of Chaplains, members of the US Congress and many of their fellow NATO-nation legislators had a chance to see our mission and base, and they were wowed. Why do we do these things? A comment one NATO member of parliament made to me as he left says it all: "I'm glad we're on your side!" You're keeping America strong and showing that strength with pride, respect and competence. Way to go!

FAMILIES APART. Well over a 100 509ers are currently deployed on AEF taskings. We feel their absence in the workplace, but they leave a gap at home, too. Our Family Support Center, 1st Shirts and supervisors do great work to meet the needs of their families — but each of us has a role to play taking care of the extended Air Force family. I encourage you to help those you know whenever you can. To those who have a loved one deployed at war: thank you for the sacrifices your family is making, and for your support of those of us in uniform.

Airmen: Warfighters, peacekeepers, global citizens

By Lt. Col. Lindsey Borg
509th Mission Support Squadron Commander

More than 150 years ago Abraham Lincoln uttered some words that apply to today's Airmen. He said, "I will study and prepare myself and someday my chance will come."

For Airmen, our chance comes every day. The Air Force and our nation demand much from us. It's up to us to be ready to meet the challenge.

Consider just a few recent world events and you'll find Airmen at its centers:

- ✓ The presidential inauguration. A team of military men and women — Joint Task Force - Armed Forces Inaugural Committee — began work before the November election to plan the support pieces of the 55th inauguration. The JTF handled everything from setup of the podium to military bands and honor guard details. Who escorted the president, vice president and their wives on Inauguration Day? A military officer.

- ✓ Tsunami relief. Nearly 15,000 U.S. military men and women are involved in the effort to bring relief to the masses affected by December's massive earthquakes and devastating tsunamis in southern Asia. Airmen are helping to meet needs there in areas from spiritual assistance to delivery of food and, so far, more than 1,000 tons of other life-sustaining necessities.

ties. One Airman said, "It's a tremendous feeling to know that we play a part in helping people put their lives back together here. I feel proud to be a part of this operation."

- ✓ Global war on terror. Not surprisingly, the military might of our nation is at the forefront of the war on terror. Diplomacy and other efforts are valuable, but they rely on global power to add teeth to the talk. Team Whiteman can be proud of its role in delivering that global power. The U.S. military also fights the war on terror in ways that don't involve weapons. By engaging with foreign military members as we work beside them in exercises and deployments, we help to create a global team to ensure freedom.

- ✓ Elections in Afghanistan. Military might laid the groundwork for the transition to democracy in Afghanistan and Iraq. Today, the presence of U.S. Airmen and other warriors helps to create an environment where people can vote freely and live without fear. Successful elections were held in Afghanistan late last year; Iraq has its opportunity Monday.

These are just a few of the ways America employs its military. Our incredible capabilities make us the nation's official workhorse. Who among us thought the Air Force would bring such varied and exciting

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Photo by Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp

Staff Sgt. Heather Hayes helps Airman 1st Class Hazel Towns with her career development course. Study and preparation is vital to meet the demands of the modern Air Force.

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For more information, call the *Whiteman Spirit* office at 687-6133, fax us at 687-7948, e-mail: whiteman.spirit@whiteman.AF.mil or write to us at:

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News in brief

Move vehicles for snow

Significant snowfall is possible for Whiteman Sunday evening into Monday morning. Residents must move their vehicles into driveways and keep the streets clear for snow plows to operate. For more details, call 687-2231.

Promotion ceremony set

Whiteman's newest promotees will be recognized 8 a.m. Tuesday at Mission's End. For more details, call your first sergeant.

BCC luncheon scheduled

The next Base Community Council luncheon begins at noon Thursday at Mission's End. Jefferson City, Mo., and Knob Noster are the featured communities.

The menu is quiche with fruit garnish and juice. The cost is \$8.50. Those interested in attending must R.S.V.P. by noon Monday. No late R.S.V.P.s will be accepted. To R.S.V.P. or for more details, call 2nd Lt. Mary Olsen at the public affairs office at 687-6121.

Banquet scheduled

The 509th Bomb Wing's 2004 annual awards banquet begins at 6 p.m. Feb. 5 at Mission's End. The menu is London broil, roasted new potatoes and green beans almandine. The cost is \$15 for senior airmen and below, \$17 for Tier 2 and civilians, and \$20 for senior NCOs and officers. Nonmembers add \$2.

Attire is mess dress or semi formal for military members, and coat and tie for civilians. Tickets are available from your squadron's first sergeant.

Tricare changes

Parents of newborns or adopted children must register them in the Defense Eligibility Reporting System no later than 60 days after the event to receive Tricare Prime benefits. Previously parents had 120 days. To do this, the sponsor must take a copy of the child's birth certificate or adoption papers to the military personnel flight customer service section. After enrolling in DEERS, parents can get a Tricare enrollment form at the 509th Medical Group Tricare Service Center or at <http://www.triwest.com>. To get one by mail, call 888-TRIWEST (874-9378).

Appreciation day set

The Central Missouri State University's men's and women's basketball teams host a military appreciation day Feb. 12 against Emporia State University. Military members and their families get in free with a military identification card. Tip-off for the women's game is at 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. for the men's game.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Ryan Wilson

A song and prayer

The Knob Noster High School chorus, under the direction of Donald Gill, performs at the National Prayer Breakfast at Mission's End Wednesday. The U.S. Senate initiated the National Prayer Breakfast informally during World War II. In 1953, President Eisenhower formally established it as an annual national event. Every president, governor and state has recognized this special day since then, including business, industry, educational, civic and military leaders.

Air Force helps train Iraqi soldiers

By Laura Hunt

49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE, N.M. (AFPN) — A professional military education instructor had to overcome a language barrier, an unfamiliar curriculum and a trust issue with his students to contribute to the development of a new nation.

Master Sgt. Mark Leuquire was one of 28 Air Force instructors deployed to Iraq to train NCOs of the new Iraqi army on leadership and management principles.

At least that is what he said he thought he would be training them on.

When he arrived at Kirkush Military Training Base, Iraq, about 25 miles from the Iranian border, he said he discovered he would be teaching an Army lesson plan under a joint coalition of Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines. The plan included training the soldiers on the AK-47 assault weapon, land navigation, map reading, first aid, Army physical training, combat maneuvers and other tactics Sergeant Leuquire said he had little experience with himself.

"We were under Army command, and so they said, 'You're an instructor, aren't you? Here's the lesson plan. Read it. You're teaching it,'" Sergeant Leuquire said. "The Army instructors were teaching this curriculum to the Soldiers of the U.S. Army, and their philosophy was if it works, why reinvent the wheel."

Army officials broke the instructors and students into six companies. Each company was made up of four platoons, and there

were 32 students in each platoon. Sometimes instructors would train their platoon separately, and other times a company would work together.

Sergeant Leuquire said students were first taught how to fire and clean their weapons in a classroom and then were taken into the field to put what they learned to the test. During these lessons, he said he often faced communication problems.

"I'm an Air Force guy, trying to teach Army curriculum to an Iraqi soldier, and I'm being interpreted by a Jordanian officer," Sergeant Leuquire said. "Several of the Iraqi soldiers were Kurdish, so my lessons were translated into Arabic and then into Kurdish."

Though communication was a serious issue, a bigger issue was trust, Sergeant Leuquire said. Security officials told the instructors there was a high probability of infiltrators gathering information and bringing it back to Iraqi insurgents. To be safe, the instructors carried weapons.

"At first we didn't trust them, and they certainly didn't trust us," he said. "Once we stressed heavily that we carried the weapons for their safety, because we didn't know if any insurgents were among them, they realized that the weapon wasn't to scare or intimidate them."

The prison scandal at Abu Ghraib was exposed shortly after the instructors started training the soldiers. The instructors were very careful to be fair to the soldiers and to respect their culture, Sergeant Leuquire said.

"We were not to do anything demeaning, belittling or harassing in any way," he said. "We processed them as if it were a basic training NCO camp."

This included searching them at the entrances, shaving their heads, in processing, uniform inspections and administering pay on payday. The instructors also included time for prayer in the curriculum.

Sergeant Leuquire said after a class graduated, some of the best students were asked to remain at the base to train future Iraqi soldiers, which made training a little easier.

"When you say to a student, 'You need to do this and do it now,' after all the translation it may come off a little more sensitive and less urgent than intended," Sergeant Leuquire said. "The Iraqi instructors would say it exactly how we intended it."

In his six months in Iraq, Sergeant Leuquire and the other instructors taught four classes each with more than 2,500 soldiers graduating.

Though he went to Iraq with the feeling he would not accomplish much, Sergeant Leuquire said he believes he and the other instructors made a difference.

"On our way out of Iraq, we drove past villages and saw people on the sides of the roads waving. They were healthy; they looked well-kept; they looked happy," he said. "Just seeing that, I knew we did something. We helped in the mission to get them into an environment where they can train their own soldiers and be self-sustaining."

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Whiteman legal office: 'a phenomenal tax service'

By Lt. Col. Cheryl Thompson

509th Bomb Wing Staff Judge Advocate

Two ways the Whiteman legal office tries to make a difference with Airmen is through the legal assistance and tax programs. The following are a few facts and figures about what services the legal office offered to the Whiteman community during 2004.

The legal office staff provided legal assistance to 2,279 clients. The largest group served was active duty staff sergeants to chief master sergeants, and their families.

Legal office members prepared and executed 732 wills and 2,725 powers of attorney. Besides wills and powers of attorney, they also handled a wide variety of topics from domestic relations and consumer affairs to landlord and tenant issues.

Incidentally, civilian prepaid legal services contracts for this level of legal assistance typically cost between \$250-400 per year per person. The legal office team saved the Whiteman community \$144,800 in attorney consultations, \$66,600 in will preparation fees, \$14,275 in notary fees, \$26,925 for advance medical directives, \$1,200 for correspondence for clients, and \$136,250 for power of attorneys. This totals to \$323,450 in legal fees.

In addition, the Whiteman legal office provided a phenomenal tax service in 2004.

To be exact, the Whiteman tax center volunteers prepared 1,919 returns saving taxpayers \$375,317 in preparation fees.

If you have questions about the legal assistance or tax programs, please call me or Capt. Steve Smart, chief of legal assistance, at 687-6809.

Wait is over ... 2005 tax season creeps in

The Whiteman Air Force Base Income Tax Assistance Office opens for business Monday. Operating hours are 8 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays. The office is located in community center's Meeting Room 1. People should use the center's west entrance to access the tax office.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance representatives are available to help prepare 2004 tax returns. Volunteers are only trained to help with 1040 E-Z, 1040A and basic 1040 forms. They can also electronically file federal tax returns to the Internal Revenue Service. Refunds are usually paid within two weeks. This is a free service provided to anyone with a military ID card.

Besides VITA volunteers, most squadrons have one or more unit tax representatives available to help squadron members.

The unit tax representatives are:

509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron — Master Sgt. Craig Barylski at 687-1430 or Tech. Sgt. Reginald Nelson at 687-3254

509th Bomb Wing — Tech. Sgts. Theresa McDaniels, Tech. Sgt. Mary Moten and Andre Thomas at 687-6809 or Tech. Sgt. Phillip Fleming at 687-6560

509th Civil Engineer Squadron — Master Sgt. Edward Lukitsch at 687-2231, Master Sgt. Kenneth Curtis at 687-6158, Senior Airman Sean Staten at 687-6158, Senior Airman Joshua Leonhart at 687-6681 or Senior Airman Christopher Stigall at 687-6333

509th Contracting Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Sue Myers at 687-5414

509th Comptroller Squadron — Senior Master Sgt. Kenneth Gold at 687-5437, Tech. Sgt. John Ward at 687-4811 or Senior Airman Cyd Garcia at 687-1629

509th Communications Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Joan Ander-

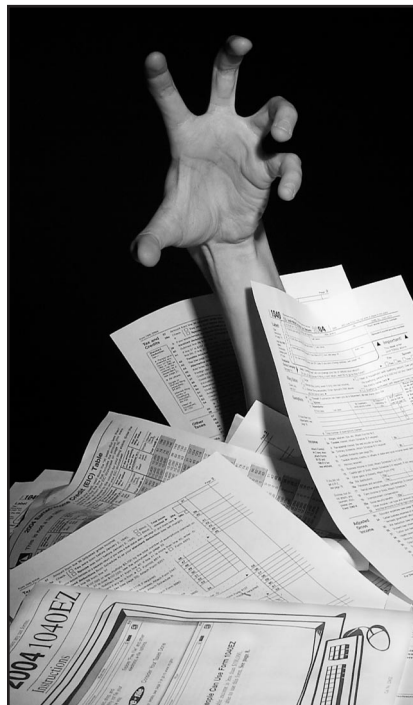


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son-Brown at 687-5727 or Tech. Sgt. Kristopher Krug at 687-3666

394th Combat Training Squadron — 2nd Lt. Kristie Hall at 687-2686

509th Logistics Readiness Squadron — Master Sgt. Steven Eggers at 687-3123, Tech. Sgt. Thomas Hails at 687-5694, Tech. Sgt. Stephen Stoddard at 687-5697 or Senior Airman Shelly Bowden at 687-7137

509th Medical Group — Brian Nash at 687-2182

509th Medical Operations Squadron — Staff Sgt. Melissa Landau at 687-4321

509th Medical Support Squadron — Master Sgt. Darrin Wilbanks at 687-4288 or Senior Airman Hans Umhoefer at 687-4800

509th Maintenance Operations

Squadron — Master Sgt. Gregg Gangemella at 687-1950, Staff Sgt. Jayson Baros at 687-1125 or Senior Airman Brad Dugan at 687-1950

509th Mission Support Squadron — Maj. Romero Reid at 687-6469

509th Maintenance Squadron — 2nd Lt. Darice Kiefer at 687-7709, Master Sgt. James Laughlin at 687-7677, Tech. Sgt. Tania Hollinshed at 687-7695, Senior Airman Michael Badilla at 687-7691 or Airman Ray Frederick 687-7679

509th Munitions Squadron — Staff Sgt. Melissa Sprague at 687-4479

509th Operations Support Squadron — Master Sgt. Pierre Charles at 687-3030, Tech. Sgt. Randy Burk at 687-3061 or David Dye at 687-1683

509th Security Force Squadron — Staff Sgt. Eric Johnson, Staff Sgt. Wade Byler, Senior Airman Shanna West and Airman 1st Class James Borntrager at 687-3888, or Senior Airman Chandler Bearup and Senior Airman Mark Prokop at 676-6659

509th Services Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Elsie Houey at 687-2700

72nd Test and Evaluation Squadron — Staff Sgt. Matthew Ranger at 687-5188

There will be a limited number of tax forms and publications available at the office. Forms and publications are available online at <http://www.irs.gov>.

Additionally, customers must provide copies of required documents to submit to the IRS. People must contact their unit tax representative before scheduling an appointment at the tax office.

Anyone without a squadron representative can call the tax office at 687-6020 to schedule an appointment for tax assistance. *(Courtesy of the 509th Bomb Wing Legal Office)*

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509th Mission Support Squadron Commander

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Photo by Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp

Thanks for your service Speedy

Members of the 509th Security Forces Squadron said their goodbyes to Speedy, a military working dog, Sunday. After months of medical evaluation, it was determined the 11.5-year-old Belgian Malinois could not be adopted due to his health conditions. Speedy began his duty here in 1994. During his career, he deployed several times and once discovered more than \$1 million worth of drugs on the U.S. and Mexico border. He also learned several tricks including speak, roll over, play dead, give hugs and would jump into a person's arms if "snake" was yelled. The MWD handlers said there was never a dull moment when Speedy was around. "Speedy was the first dog I was assigned after I graduated the Military Working Dog Handler's Course. He taught me how to be a great handler and how to read a dog's body language," said Staff Sgt. Jon Sarabia, 509th SFS. "Speedy was a wonderful animal to work with. He was affectionate, but when it was time to work there were no questions asked. He would do his job and when he was done, he could be a lap dog."

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Tell them you care...



Send a message to the loved ones in your life!

The Whiteman Spirit wants to print your Valentine messages in the Feb. 11 issue. Notes can be submitted by e-mailing the Whiteman Spirit at whiteman.spirit@whiteman.af.mil, and write "Valentine Note!" in the subject line, or delivered to the newspaper office in Bldg. 509, Suite 111.

A message collection box will also be located in front of the base exchange through Feb. 8. Notes must be 20 words or less and in good taste.

Call 687-6133 for more information.

NOTE Be sure to include your name, phone number and whether the note is for a deployed member and if you'd like to include a photo of that person.

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Whiteman Spirit Award



Tech. Sgts. Daniel Jordan and Gene Kapuchuk

509th Communications and 509th Security Forces squadrons

Tech. Sgt. Gene Kapuchuck, 509th Communications Squadron, and Tech. Sgt. Daniel Jordan, 509th Security Forces Squadron, received the Whiteman Spirit Award from Col. Chris Miller, 509th Bomb Wing commander, Monday.

Maj. Kelly Kirts, 509th CS commander, nominated Sergeants Kapuchuck and Jordan for the award.

During the ice storm earlier this month, Sergeants Kapuchuck and Jordan displayed superior professionalism, leadership and teamwork in their efforts to minimize potential ice damage to critical sensor equipment, Major Kirts said.

Three years ago, an ice storm caused more than \$80,000 in damage to the vertical taught wire systems around the priority level 1 and weapon storage areas. Remembering the painful events from that year, the communications and security forces squadrons directed their staff members to begin contingency planning, but later learned that Sergeants Kapuchuck and Jordan already coordinated a strategy and implemented procedures to make sure Whiteman wouldn't have to relive past events.

"The proactive action by both of these NCOs validates the great relationship between these squadrons, and also reflected the professionalism and dedication of these individuals," Major Kirts said.

Personally Speaking

(Tech. Sgt. Daniel Jordan)

Time on station: 8 years
Time in service: 15 years
Hometown: Red House, W.V.
Spouse: Amelia
Children: Colt, 4, and Stephan, 2
Hobbies: Family, hunting and fishing
Goals: Complete an electrical engineering degree, make master sergeant.
Best thing about Whiteman: Teamwork of the base members.
Pet Peeves: Speeding in base housing.
What motivates your winning spirit? The strong work ethic inherited from my father.
If you could change one thing about Whiteman, what would it be? I would increase the manning in critical career fields such as security forces.

Personally Speaking

(Tech. Sgt. Gene Kapuchuk)

Time on station: 4 years, 6 months
Time in service: 14 years
Hometown: Warren, Ohio
Hobbies: Attending college courses, learning about forensic science through books and television shows such as "C.S.I.," and running with my canine.
Goals: Earn a master's degree in social psychology and earn work center Superior Team Award for scheduled June nuclear surety inspection.
Best thing about Whiteman: The mission and the base services available.
Pet Peeves: People who resist change, good or bad, and people who attempt to reinvent the wheel.
What motivates your winning spirit? Completing tasks ahead of schedule as a team, and providing the best customer service.
If you could change one thing about Whiteman, what would it be? I would like to see a permanent veterinarian position on base or more available office hours.

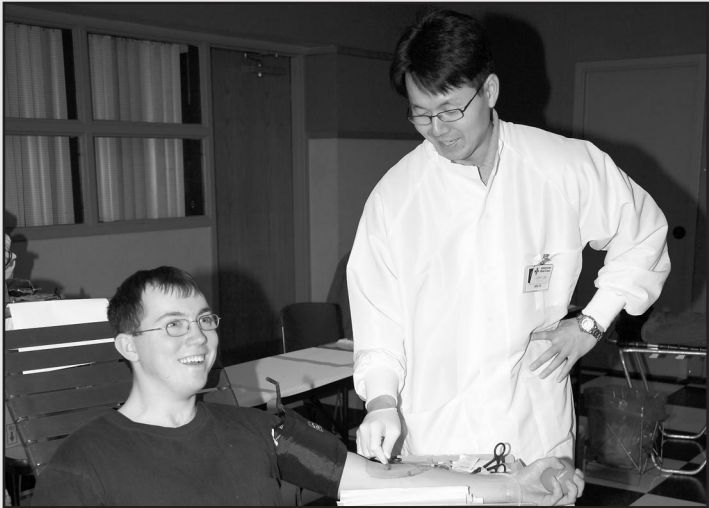


Photo by Airman 1st Class Lauren Padden

Blood for life

Airman 1st Class Marshall Thompson, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, is prepped to give blood by American Red Cross technician Josh Lee during the Blood Drive at the community center Jan. 21. Two hundred four points of blood were donated by 280 people to the ARC during the two-day blood drive.



Did you know you can fill out a Department of Defense Form 2266, Hometown News Release, for a variety of accomplishments? For more details, call 1st Lt. Ed Gulick at 687-6122.

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OLF objectives understood by many Iraqis

By Staff Sgt. Lindsey Maurice

332 Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

BALAD AIR BASE, Iraq (AFPN) — I vividly remember the day when President Bush first declared American troops were going into Iraq. I remember the incessant news coverage of some Iraqis’ negative comments about the war and about Americans. But my recent arrival here has shown me the side of Iraqis the media ignored then.

On the first day of the war it was the lead headline in every paper and lead story on every news channel. MTV even aired specials on what was going on.

I remember footage of those first blasts and our troops going in. I remember the president coming before the American people several more times. But most of all, I remember the news media’s footage of Iraqi citizens. In interview after interview you heard Iraqi men and young boys degrading Americans. The news stations showed footage of Iraqi men protesting our help and attacking our people.

Now, I’m not saying this type of belief isn’t felt by some Iraqi citizens. I am fully aware some Iraqis believe Americans are bad people and have no business in their homeland. If this were not the case then the Airmen, Soldiers, Marines and Sailors who made the ultimate sacrifice while serving in Iraq instead would be at home with their families right now.

But I can’t help but believe they fought for a good cause and their efforts are appreciated by many Iraqi citizens. As Americans, we understand the importance of freedom. And that is our “good cause” — to share freedom with people who could not achieve it on their own.

In the few days I have spent in Iraq, I already have experienced the respect and kindness of Iraqi men. Two incidents in particular come to mind when I think of this kindness.

This first incident happened when another Airman and I were driving through a muddy field and got our vehicle stuck. As at least eight different people walked or drove by and ignored our predicament. Two young Iraqi men stopped what they were doing and came over to help the best they could.

Both were wearing dress shoes. They went to the extent of taking them off, rolling up their pant legs and pushing the car with my troop as I put the pedal to the metal. The four of us spent at least 30 minutes in the cold and mud trying to get it out, until we finally gave up and walked to our office to get the car towed. These two gentlemen may not have been able to fix our problem but they did everything they could to help when we were in need.

The second act of kindness was a little simpler, but meant just as much to me. It happened when I was making a purchase at a small base exchange trailer on base.

As the young Iraqi gentleman behind the counter rang up my purchase, I couldn’t help but appreciate how kind and courteous he was. He carried a friendly smile the entire time and after handing me my bag extended his hand and said, “thank you.” He actually shook my hand. I realize to some this may not sound like much, but I have never had anyone working at a store shake my hand and say thank you.

It’s incidents like these that make me proud to be a member of the U.S. Air Force and proud to be part of such an important mission as Operation Iraqi Freedom. I ask those who question our mission because of the negative things they may have seen and heard to remember these little incidents. There are those men and women in this far-off country who want to be free, deserve to be free, and with our help can be free!

Did you know...?

- The Commander's Access Channel programming offers current base information?*
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Photo by Melissa Klinkner

Staff Sgt. Roger Ruble, 72nd Test and Evaluation Squadron B-2 satellite wideband and telemetry systems journeyman, uses the integrated data acquisition test support system to ensure the airborne instrumentation system equipment is working properly before a test flight.



Photo by Airman Jason Burton

Staff Sgt. Curtis Knappenberger, 72nd Test and Evaluation Squadron B-2 satellite wideband and telemetry systems journeyman, installs a C band locator beacon antenna on the crew entry door of the B-2.



Photo by Melissa Klinkner

Members of the 72nd Test and Evaluation Squadron meet in the conference room to conduct a mission review. During mission reviews, members discuss whether or not aircraft behaved as expected during the actions aircrews were asked to perform, and identify what time any anomalies occurred so they can investigate them further.

72nd Test and Evaluation Squadron: Grading, upgrading B-2 systems

By Melissa Klinkner
Public Affairs

“We find the problems so the warfighters don’t!” This is the goal of a small but integral associate unit at Whiteman, said Master Sgt. Roscoe Van Ausdoll, 72nd Test and Evaluation Squadron.

“We do what no one else on base does — we’re the first and final (people who) look into all upgrades to the B-2’s warfighting capability,” he said.

Though not well known around the base, the approximately 60-person squadron contributes to the 509th Bomb Wing by evaluating all upgrades to the B-2. “I feel the 72nd is doing things that’ll keep the B-2 on the leading edge of technology,” said Thomas Finkle, 72nd TES.

The squadron members conduct 60 sorties on 12 different test programs to evaluate the B-2’s capabilities. Tests include new hardware and software updates to the B-2, weapons integration and evaluations, tactics development and survivability assessments.

These tests tell unit members if the items are operationally suitable for the aircraft and ensure the design on paper or computer works on the aircraft in flight.

When performing tests, the 72nd TES temporarily modifies the B-2 with advanced equipment that captures, records and transmits aircraft data during test flights. The data is then brought back to the unit and analyzed. From the data, they’re able to determine the quality of software upgrades or weapons systems.

An example of the equipment the unit uses to conduct such tests is the airborne instrumentation system. Along with the AIS, 72nd TES members attach a smaller range instrumentation system or weapons re-radiation system rack to the B-2 for test missions.

“The equipment, to include antennas and cameras, records air-

craft bus data, weapons data and telemetry data from the aircraft,” said Sergeant Van Ausdoll. “The equipment will transmit a telemetry stream — a beacon — to track the aircraft and weapons data to the range.”

Squadron members also use the integrated data acquisition test support system. One of its many features is a monitor to show video input from three cameras located on the B-2. It also has capabilities to downlink information from the AIS using telemetry.

After performing tests, 72nd TES members hold mission reviews to discuss how the aircraft performed during the mission.

Although a geographically separated unit whose group is located at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., and whose wing is located at Eglin AFB, Fla., members of the 72nd TES said they’re happy to be a part of Whiteman and to be working with this airframe.

“Seeing the impact of what we do is what I like most about the job,” said Staff Sgt. Jeramie Hill, 72nd TES. “When I hear about a joint direct attack munition bomb striking a target during a real world conflict, I think to myself, ‘we had to test that weapon before the B-2 could use it.’”

Staff Sgt. Curtis Knappenberger, 72nd TES, agreed and said the best part of his job is working with the B-2. “This is one of the few jobs in our career field (test and evaluation) that work with aircraft. I feel honored to work on the best bomber in the world. I take pride in what I do.” (Airman Jason Burton, 509th BW Public Affairs, contributed to this story.)



Photo by Airman Jason Burton

Tech. Sgt. Dave Burges, 72nd Test and Evaluation Squadron assistant NCO in charge of instrumentation, tests an airborne instrumentation system to ensure its accuracy before it’s used to conduct a test on a B-2.

What's Happening

Community

Free concert for military members

The Veteran's of Foreign Wars Unmet Needs Program is hosting a concert for military members at 8 p.m. Feb. 25 at the Uptown Theatre in Kansas City, Mo. Gary Sinise and his band, the Lt. Dan Band, will be performing.

If attendees need childcare, there will be bonded child care available.

People who are interested can receive two free tickets must e-mail johnkerr@kerrs.net by Feb. 4. Tickets will be sent in the mail.

People requesting tickets must include: name, rank and unit; where to send tickets; and number and ages of children if child care needed.

Workshop to write resumes

Family Support

Call 687-7132 for more details on these events or other family support center activities. Events take place at the FSC.

A hands-on workshop that helps people through the resume writing process begins at 8 a.m. Wednesday. Reservations are required.

Pre-separation briefing set

A pre-separation briefing for people separating from the military begins at 8 a.m. Monday. Representatives from the military personnel flight, family support center, Reserves and finance will provide information. The MPF separations and retirements office schedules members for

this briefing. For more information, call 687-1500 or 687-6720.

TAP helps people leaving military

A three-day transition assistance program for people separating or retiring from the military begins at 8 a.m. Tuesday. Attendees will learn basic resume writing skills, interviewing skills, salary negotiation, and receive information on education and Veterans Affairs benefits. Reservations are required.

WIC representative visits base

A WIC representative is available beginning at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday. WIC includes nutrition education, health promotion and a supplemental food program to help women, infants and children who have nutritional needs. For more details, call 660-747-2012.

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Tops in Blue, the Air Force's premiere entertainment showcase, will perform for free at 7 p.m. Feb. 4 at the Mathewson Exhibition Center on the Missouri State Fairgrounds in Sedalia.

Menus

Knob Noster Elementary School

- Monday:** Sloppy Joe, corn, raisins and cake
Tuesday: Sub sandwich, vegetable soup, apple-sauce and Jell-O
Wednesday: Spaghetti, green beans, peaches and a roll
Thursday: Chicken and rice, peas, apple and pudding
Feb. 4: Bean burrito, salad, grapes and yogurt

Whiteman Elementary School

- Monday:** Chicken patty, cole slaw, potato puffs and a brownie
Tuesday: Chicken pot pie, salad, fruit and cake
Wednesday: Chicken drumstick, mashed potatoes with gravy, peas and carrots, fruit and a roll
Thursday: Pizza, salad, corn and a cookie
Feb. 4: Hot ham and cheese, french fries, salad and yogurt

SFS prepares for postseason with win



Photos by Senior Airman Joe Lacdan

Top left: Joseph Quinones, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, puts up a hook shoot over a pair of 509th Security Forces Squadron defenders during intramural basketball play Tuesday at the fitness center. The defending champion, 509th SFS Team (7-2) won 38-16. SFS held CES to just four second half points after leading 22-12 at halftime. Above: SFS player Kevin Jacovino drives along the base line. Bottom right: Chris Bishop, 509th SFS scoops in a layup.



Bowling Standings

(As of January 18)
Week 19 of 34

Men's League (Week 19 of 34 current as of Jan. 18)

Team	Wins	Losses
T.N.L.	104	48
Team 10	99	53
Team 8	96	56
Gutter Dusters	90	62
Warrensburg Chrysler	86	66
Dilligas	81	71
Bastages/R	72	80
Team 4	62	90
SVS	60	92

Wednesday Intramural League (Week 17 of 34
current as of Jan. 19)

Team	Wins	Losses
CES A	98	38
AMXS	97	39
OSS	92	44
MDG A	88	48
SFS	76	60
MXS A	73	63
CPTS	72	64
MSS/BW	72	64
SVS	70	66
MXS B	66	66
MUNS	66	70
COMM	46	70
CES B	44	90
MOS	43	92
CES C	43	93
MDG B	42	93

Aerobics Schedule

For more details about these classes, call the fitness center at 687-5496.

Mondays — 12:15 p.m. Turbo Kick, 5:15 p.m. Core Strength and 8 p.m. Cardio Kickbox

Tuesdays — 9 a.m. Pilates, 11:30 a.m. Extreme Fitness, 4:30 p.m. Power Cycle 45 and 6:15 p.m. Kick n' Step

Wednesdays — 12:15 p.m. Bounce & Burn, 5:15 p.m. Core Strength and 6:15 p.m. 3N1 Challenge

Thursdays — 9 a.m. Pilates, 11:30 a.m. Extreme Fitness, 4:30 p.m. Power Cycle 45, 6:15 p.m. Kick n' Step and 8 p.m. Cardio Kickbox

Fridays — 12:15 p.m. Turbo Kick and 5:15 p.m. Power step



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Community Activities

Skills Development Center 687-5691

Stained glass panel class

Students can learn to make a stained glass panel in this six-week class. Students can choose their own pattern or create one. Students can sign up at any time. The cost is \$45 plus supplies.

Community Center 687-5617

Colossal cookie challenge

Enter your homemade cookies using an original recipe to compete Air Forcewide. Participants must bring one dozen baked cookies to the community center Saturday for judging. Call for details.

Shop till you drop

Airmen can travel to Independence, Mo., Saturday to the mall and the commons. The \$5 fee includes transportation. A van will depart the community center at 10 a.m. and return by 6 p.m. Sign up by today.

Adopt a veteran, help a hero

During February, veterans will be matched with a young person stationed at Whiteman. This person should visit their veteran at least one hour a week. Each person must complete a brief questionnaire to volunteer.

Party silly with football & chili

A party takes place 4 p.m. Feb. 6 at the community center. Participants can make their best chili to be judged on site and eaten by those attending the party. Hot dogs, chili dogs, chips and drink will be furnished. We will be showing the pre-game and Super Bowl on big-screen TVs and the 9-foot by 9-foot theater screen. Participants can bring snacks.

Veterinary Clinic 687-2667

Photogenic pets

Do you have an adorable puppy or kitten? Is your dog quite the character? Does your cat rule? Bring a photo of your furry friend to put on the veterinary clinic photo board. Visit the vet clinic at 401 Lockbourne Terrace between 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays or 8:30-2:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Schedule an appointment with the vet

Make an appointment for your pet to get their vaccinations or minor sick calls. A licensed veterinarian will be available 10:30 a.m.-1:10 p.m. Feb. 7.

Family Child Care 687-1180

Extended duty care

Register now for the extended duty care program. It's available to help parents meet child care requirements for extra duty hours and child care emergencies. Care is free and provided in a contracted, licensed family child care home to augment regular care arrangements. An application must be completed before participating. Call for more details.

Mission's End Super Bowl Party

A party begins at 4 p.m. Feb. 6 at Mission's End. Food specials include 10-cent hot wings and \$6 large, one-topping pizzas. There will be many giveaways including a La-Z-Boy* recliner, tailgate canopy tent, grills, a 19-inch color TV, Budweiser* merchandise and much

more! Watch the game on 10 42-inch plasma TVs, a 50-inch plasma and four regular TVs. This is a members only event. Prizes are sponsored in part by Dean Williamson Furniture Co. in Warrensburg*, Frito Lay*, Budweiser* and Wal-Mart in Sedalia*.

Youth Center 687-5586

Start smart registration

Children 3- to 5-years-old can work with a parent to gain skills to prepare them for participation in organized recreational basketball. Sign up by Sunday. The program takes place 1-2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. The cost is \$20 per child and includes an instruction manual.

K-4 fun night - pajama party

Youths can wear pajamas 6:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday and take part in activities throughout the evening. Cost is \$6 for members and \$7.50 for nonmembers.

Preteen Sports Night

Preteens can take part in various sports 6-9 p.m. Saturday. Cost is \$2 for members and \$3 for nonmembers.

Skate day

Kindergartners through seventh graders can bring their roller blades, skates, or scooters 3-5 p.m. Feb. 5 to skate to their favorite music.

Kids with heart

The Boys and Girls Club Tsunami Relief Benefit takes place 6-9 p.m. Feb. 11 at the youth center. Participants will take part in activities that include bingo, cookie decorating, face painting, a magic and comedy show, an animal show and much more. The cost is \$2 per person or \$5 for a family. Children 9 years old and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Sign up by Feb. 10 at the youth center.

Teen Center 687-5819

Teen aviation camp

Air Force Services, in conjunction with the U.S. Air Force Academy, will conduct the sixth Air Force Teen Aviation Camp June 4-9. The camp is for students who will be sophomores or juniors in the 2005-2006 high school year. Teens who are interested in attending can get an application at the teen center today. Sign up by Tuesday.

Escapist skate park

Teens can take a trip 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Feb. 5. to the skate park in Kansas City, Mo. Teens can challenge themselves in new ways, meet new people and test their skills. The cost is \$10 for entrance fees, meals and snacks.

Snow Creek ski trip

Teens take a ski trip 9 a.m. Feb. 19 - noon Feb. 20 to Snow Creek Resort in Weston, Mo. Teens will eat dinner and spend the night at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., lodging. The \$10 fee includes lift pass, ski rental, lodging, transportation and dinner. Bring money for extra snacks and breakfast. Sign up by Feb. 11.

Child Development Center 687-5588

Developmental enrichment program

The child development center is accepting enrollments for preschool. It's open to 3- to 5-year-olds not requiring full-time care. Call for more details.

Sports & Recreation

Stars & Strikes 687-5114

Visit the bowling center

A sweetheart, scotch doubles tournament takes place 6 p.m. eb. 14. Cost is \$15 per couple. Prizes will be awarded. Sign up today.

Outdoor Recreation 687-5565

Military appreciation days

Snow Creek Resort in Weston, Mo., offers Military Appreciation Days Wednesdays through Feb. 23. A shuttle to the resort leaves outdoor recreation at 10:15 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2 and 16. Transportation costs \$5 per person or \$15 for a family of four. Active-duty military members get a free ski and lift pass; dependents or any other military classification with a valid ID get discounted rates. Bring snacks and lunch, or money to buy them from the snack shop. The bus will leave the resort by 7:45 p.m. and return to base by 10 p.m. Call for more details.

Family adventure weekend

Families can take a trip to Duluth, Minn., for a downhill ski adventure weekend. The group leaves base at 7 a.m. Feb. 4 and return at approximately 8 p.m. Feb. 6. The \$75 fee per person includes transportation, lodging, 11 hours of lift/ski rental and two continental breakfasts at the hotel. Sign up by Tuesday.

Fitness Center 687-5573

Quarterly incentive program

The Holiday Rebound Challenge takes place until March 31.
January: Cross-Trainer/Aerobic Bikes/Aerobic Classes
February: Treadmill/SPINNING Class/HAWC Class
March: Treadmill/Cross-Trainer/Aerobic Bikes

Tickets & Travel 687-5643

It's cruise time at Tickets & Travel. Sato Travel announced the 2005 cruise specials available through this office. Stop by the new location inside the skills development center.

Movie Schedule

Today and Saturday
Lemony Snickets 7 p.m. PG
Starring — Jim Carrey

Sunday
Spanglish 5:30 p.m. PG-13
Starring — Adam Sandler

Adults: \$3.50 Children: \$1.75

Movie Recording Line: 687-5110

Movies subject to change due to availability.

For current and future movie listings log on to <http://www.aafes.com/ems/conus/whiteman.htm>.

Ozark Inn

Family of deployed active-duty members can dine at the Ozark Inn the first and third Thursday of the month. The menu includes baked chicken, pepper steak, orange-spiced pork chops, chicken nuggets, hot dogs and fries. The din-

ing facility is open 4:30-8 p.m. The prices vary and people may only pay with cash. Participants must show their ID card and a copy of deployed member's orders. Call 1st Lt. Rosanna Wadkins at 687-1383 for details.